

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

October 2003

CATEGORY	2003	2002	YTD 03	YTD 02
CSEPP INCIDENTS	5	4	36	23
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	13	7
FIRE	44	27	437	305
HAZMAT	163	143	1487	1595
OTHER	15	18	205	236
911 OUTAGES	0	6	28	41
SAR	55	56	532	576
TERRORIST	1	0	1	1
WEATHER	7	3	45	44
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	290	258	2784	2828

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On October 7, The U.S. Coast Guard's MSO office in Seattle reported that the tug "Island Storm" was towing a large crane on a barge which grazed the underside portion of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge super structure at approximately 0500 a.m. The bridge was immediately inspected by DOT at daybreak and reported minor damage from the impact from the crane. No disruption to traffic occurred from this incident and the area where the crane struck the bridge will be repaired.

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- On October 8, the National Weather service issued a High Surf Advisory for Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Pacific and Clallam Counties due to an approaching storm system. The High Surf Advisory ended at noon on October 9.
- On October 8, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for Camano Island to Point Roberts. The Gale Warning was cancelled at 1530.
- On October 10, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Interior waters of Puget Sound through Saturday, October 11.
- On October 12, a rescue was coordinated for 5 adults and 2 children stranded on a sand bar near La Push. Ground Search and Rescue along with Sequim Swift Water Rescue and a Coast Guard helicopter from Port Angeles participated in the rescue.
- On October 14, Snohomish County conducted a search for a 10 year-old boy in Arlington. Search dogs were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. The boy was found later the same day in good condition.
- On October 15, Mason County conducted a search for a handicapped 50 year-old female in the vicinity of Shelton Valley. Search dogs were coordinated from Pierce County to assist. The woman was found in good condition later in the day by the search dog.
- On October 17 and again on 20 October, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) elevated to Phase III Operations in response to widespread flooding and high winds generated by two separate storm systems affecting Northwest Washington. Major flooding caused widespread damages in several areas as emergency declarations were received in Clallam, Kitsap, Jefferson, Mason, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties as well as the cities of Shelton, Mount Vernon, Concrete, and Covington
- On October 19, Yakima County conducted a search of a 52 year-old male hiker near the White Pass Summit. Additional searchers were coordinated from Lewis County to assist. The individual was located in good condition.

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- On October 20, Skamania County conducted a search for a lost 42 year-old female in the Hemlock-Stabler area. Additional searchers were coordinated from Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis and Yakima Counties to assist. The subject was located the following morning and had suffered from hypothermia.
- On October 26, Snohomish County commenced a search for a lost 21 year-old male University of Washington student who had become lost during a day hike on Pilchuck Mountain east of Marysville. Additional searchers were coordinated from Skagit, King and Pierce Counties to assist. The subject was located the following morning in good condition.
- On October 28, a search was conducted in Yakima County for an over due 64 year-old male hunter in Yakima County near Rim Rock Lake. Additional search resources were coordinated from Skamania, Pierce and Lewis Counties but canceled when the subject was found in good condition.
- On October 28, the annual Columbia Generating Station Exercise Drill commenced at 1119 hrs. The exercise lasted until 1424 hours.
- On October 28, the National Weather issued a High Wind Warning for all of Eastern Washington. Sustained winds of 30 – 40 miles per hour with gusts to 60 miles per hour were experienced.
- On October 29, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for Whatcom and San Juan Counties. Sustained winds of 35 to 45 miles per hour with gusts to 70 miles per hour were experienced.
- On October 29, the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) resumed Phase 1 Normal Operations at 1700 hrs. The EOC had been previously elevated to Phase III Operations on October 20 due to extensive flooding in Northwest Washington.
- For the month of October 2003 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 108 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 41 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies

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- Conducted 449 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Coordinated 23 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
- Participated in 19 exercises of which 13 were vessel spill drills
- Made 1309 and answered 1773 telephone calls
- Conducted 1643 National Warning System Tests, conducted 284 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 58 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 3 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)